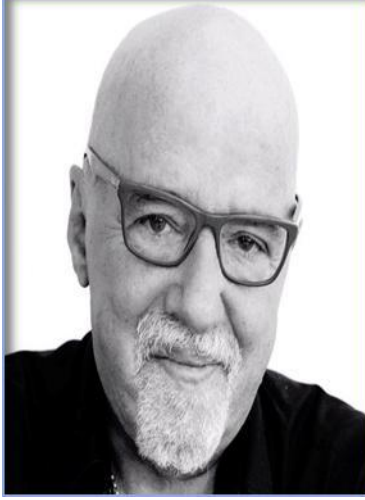


Author of the Week: Paulo Coelho



The world-famous author of several bestselling novels, Paulo Coelho is a novelist counted amongst one of the most widely read writers in the contemporary world. A hugely popular author, he holds the Guinness World Record for having the most translated books by a living author. His writings have often been criticized for lacking the finesse and depth of good literature but this factor does not seem to in any way diminish his fame as a novelist. Coelho had always loved writing and dreamed of being a writer from an early age. He was however discouraged by his parents who wanted him to become a lawyer

When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it. Paulo Coelho

His Life and career

He was born to devout Catholic parents in Brazil and attended a Jesuit school. His father was an engineer. Paulo wanted to become a writer from a young age but his parents disapproved of this career choice. They wanted him to pursue a more stable profession and become a man of the world. The teenager's rebellion made his parents commit him to a mental asylum thrice even though he kept on escaping.

His first book 'Hell Archives' was published in 1982. However, it was not successful. In 1986 he undertook a 500-plus mile trek on the Road of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. He had a spiritual awakening on the trip and intuitively realized that it was time he started writing seriously.

The Alchemist' is the work that established him as a major author on the international level. The book was first published in Portuguese and has till date been translated into 80 different languages and has sold over 65 million copies.

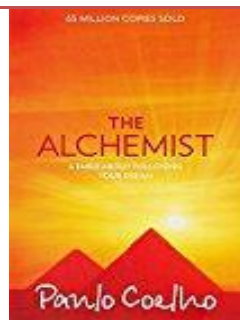
He was presented with the World Economic Forum Crystal Award in 1999. The President of Bulgaria, Georgi Parvanov, presented him with "The Honourable Award of the President of the Republic" in May, 2006.

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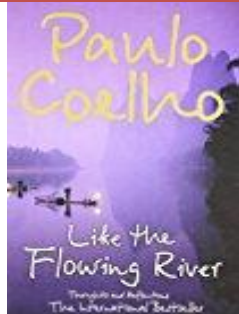
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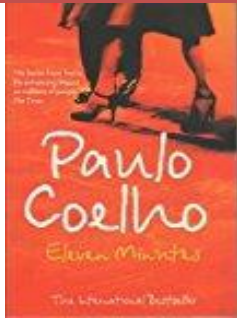
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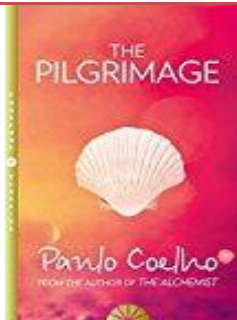
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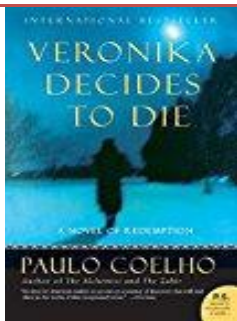
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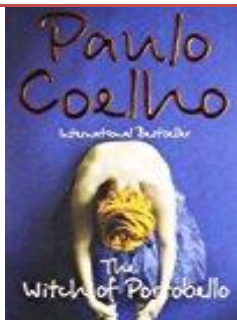
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